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Customers line up Sunday outside Hot Dog on a Stick.

City to raise icon's rent

BY ANDREW H. FIXMER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The city council may raise a Santa Monica beachside hot dog stand's annual rent by nearly \$20,000.

Hot Dog on a Stick, an icon along the Santa Monica boardwalk that has served corn dogs and fresh-squeezed lemonade to beachgoers since the late 1940s, has paid the city \$550 per month for its concession stand for the past 20 years.

However, the city council has been

asked by City Manager Susan McCarthy to raise that amount to the "market-rate rent" of \$2,200 per month, which would be adjusted annually by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index.

The proposed five-year lease will result in an annual rental payment of \$26,400, which is \$19,800 more than the stand previously paid.

Though Hot Dog on a Stick officials could not be reached for comment, fans of

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Pasadena's lawsuit may impact Santa Monica law

By staff and wire reports

A judge has ruled a Pasadena campaign reform measure similar to one in Santa Monica is unconstitutional.

Superior Court Judge J. Michael Byrne struck down Pasadena's initiative only weeks after ordering the city to put the law on its books. Judge Byrne said the initiative, which forbids elected or appointed officials from taking campaign contributions or jobs from sources who have benefited from their votes or actions, violates "the basic right of political expression."

Approved by 60% of Pasadena voters in 2001, the measure defines public bene-

fits in various ways, such as a contract worth more than \$25,000. The Santa Monica-based Oaks Project, the voter-organizing arm of the Foundation for Taxpayer & Consumer Rights, wrote the initiative and sponsored the drive to get comparable measures on the ballot in Santa Monica, San Francisco and Claremont.

So far, only San Francisco has developed regulations based on the measure. Officials in the other cities believe that the initiative is overly restrictive and would require tremendous resources to enforce.

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Demand for high-end beach rentals drops off

By staff and wire reports

Vacation rentals on Santa Monica Beach go for as much as \$30,000 per month. But this year, those summer prices are too stiff for even the richest of vacationers.

People willing to spend thousands of dollars to rent seaside luxury homes are not making their annual trek to the Southern California coast this summer, forcing some owners to slash prices up to 20 percent in an effort to increase business.

But the prices don't seem to have dropped that much when one looks at rentals along Palisades Beach Road. Rental homes on the north end of Santa Monica's coastline are currently listed at \$9,500 for a two-bedroom, two-bath, and go up to \$45,900 for a nine-bedroom, nine-bath.

Most of them have been on the market for months, and some have been empty for more than a year, according to local real estate listings.

Along Ocean Avenue, two-bedroom condominiums are listed between \$5,000-\$6,000 per month while larger ones go for as much as \$15,000 per month. And the owners of those properties don't appear to be budging on the prices. Some condos have been on the market for nearly a year.

But at Santa Monica's most posh luxury condo complex — 1221 Ocean Avenue — the prices have dropped. The penthouse was going for \$17,500 last year, and now it's listed at \$10,000 per month, said Marc Fishman, a realtor with

Boardwalk Realty.

"Rentals are down by a third both in price and occupancy," he said. "People

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— MARC FISHMAN
Boardwalk Realty.

are just being more careful."

Not all owners are willing to lower prices. In the celebrity town of Malibu, more than 50 high-end homes are still available, said Jay Rubenstein, manager of Coldwell Banker Malibu West.

That's double the usual number, but most Malibu owners have continued asking for monthly rents in the range of \$10,000 to \$100,000, he said.

While expectations were high this year for a brisk vacation rental market, the weakened economy coupled with travel concerns after Sept. 11 have caused consumers to scale back their summer plans, said Michael Sarka, executive director of the Vacation Rental Managers Association.

The Travel Industry Association of

See LUXURY, page 6

Man believed to be state's oldest inmate buried as honored veteran

By The Associated Press

OROVILLE — The man who was believed to be California's oldest inmate was buried with a veteran's salute after jumping off a bridge following his release from jail.

Five uniformed veterans honored Coval Russell, 92, with a 15-gun salute Friday while a chaplain prayed beside his wooden casket. No family members attended the service that drew seven mourners.

Russell was released from the Butte County Jail last month even though he pleaded with a judge to keep him behind bars. On July 10, Russell jumped 40 feet to his death from a bridge, two weeks after his release.

Russell was a World War II veteran who served in the Navy on a remote base in Alaska's Aleutian Islands.

"The man served his country," said Earl Baker, who manages the local Veterans of Foreign Wars branch and organized the salute. "He deserves honor and respect. He deserves to be remembered. He deserves more than what he got."

Russell, nicknamed "Pops" by the other inmates, was jailed last year for stabbing his landlord with a pocket knife. He was released on probation June 26.

Friend Jim Pihl said Russell left a suicide note that read: "Probation, in my case, is a form of physical and mental torture. No thank you."

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♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Your management skills come to the forefront. Take charge and listen to others' suggestions. New input charges your imagination and creativity. Let others be your muse today, and for a while to come. A child suddenly demands more attention. Tonight: Be a role model!

♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your imagination might seem endless to others. You feed your intellect through research, reading and being open to different ideas and styles. Return calls this a.m. Good news surrounds a fundamental issue. Feel secure. Tonight: Happy at home.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Work with others creatively and independently. Carefully consider options that surround your finances and emotional status. Touch base with loved ones and associates. Your ability to talk up a storm sometimes fills up empty space, but it can annoy others. Tonight: Quality time with a friend.

♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Defer to others. Your softer side emerges. Try to cut yourself more slack. Your ability to understand others makes you one of the most popular people around. Consider ways to enhance your financial status. You'll come up with a good idea. Tonight: Go where people are.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your efficiency can make the difference between success and failure. Let your personality emerge when dealing with others, but cut the socializing as much as possible. Another still does his or her best to entice you to his or her way of thinking. Tonight: Off to the gym.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Try new styles. Do different things. Be inventive. Walk away from the boring. Your intuition will guide you during the next few weeks. Let your imagination speak and add more zest to your work and personal lives. Take a lengthy walk for your lunch break. Tonight: Now, to spice up your personal life.

♎ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Build on strong foundations. Aim for more of what you want, making sure you have fulfilled the basics first. Consider a home office or perhaps an investment in real estate. You might not be exactly sure what you want. Do some research first. Tonight: Mosey on home.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ Conversations remain animated and fulfilling. Don't hold back with others, especially someone you work closely with. Bring a positive attitude to the table, and you'll notice others respond in kind. Build better work ties. Tonight: Push till the wee hours.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Reach out for others. Examine the possibilities that surround a trip or another's offer. Not everything can be seen from a fast glance. Ask questions. Hop on the Internet to check out different options more carefully. Tonight: Your treat.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You say the right words to move a situation forward. Remain optimistic and forward-looking when dealing with others. You find that success follows when you deal with each person independently. A relationship grows in the next month. Tonight: Dinner for two.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You enter a period of testing, when the sun is in your opposite sign. Intuitively, you know what to do — when and where. Follow-through counts with an associate. Though you might be distracted, you need to focus. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Group concerns, and present them together, possibly and preferably in a meeting. Your lively and imaginative personality melts boundaries. Get together with others, making the most of a situation. Success greets you. Tonight: Where your friends are.

QUOTE of the DAY

"The art of living is more like wrestling than dancing."

— Marcus Aurelius (121-180)

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LOCAL

The Q Line

A coalition of downtown landlords, business owners and residents recommended last week that Santa Monica City Council eliminate feedings in public spaces.

The Bayside District Corp., which manages the Third Street Promenade in cooperation with the city, voted to recommend the city council take steps to limit the number of people who can be fed in a public place, as well as the frequency of feedings groups can sponsor.

Some officials believe the root of Santa Monica's homeless problem stems from outside church groups that host public feedings in Palisades Park and on the front lawn of City Hall, which draws hundreds of transients to the downtown

area. There are as many as 21 public feedings taking place on a weekly basis.

So this week Q Line wants to know, **"Do you agree the city should do more to limit the size and frequency of public feedings? Or do you believe there are better ways the city can address its homeless problem downtown?"**

Call (310) 285-8106 with your response before Thursday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in Friday's paper. Please limit your comments to a minute or less; it might help to think first about the wording of your response.

surf report

Information compiled by Jesse Haley

A small pulse of southwest swell mixes with lax wind swell today, putting surf at knee-to-waist level again. Some chest-high sets may show at best southwest exposures.

Conditions look moderately clean, glassy morning waves with usual afternoon blow out. The medium tide on dawn patrol makes for decent sets.

Water temps remain in the mid-to-high sixties, so shorts and rashguard should do it.



Today's Tides:

Low-	3:27 a.m.	-0.84'
High-	9:54 a.m.	3.79'
Low-	2:30 p.m.	2.29'
High-	8:39 p.m.	6.32'

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Water Quality
County Line	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Zuma	2-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
Surfrider	1-2'/Fair	1-2'/Fair	A
Topanga	1-2'/Poor	1-2'/Fair	A
Breakwater	1-3'/Fair	2-3'/Fair	A
El Porto	1-3'/Poor	2-3'/Fair	A

Touched by an angel



Franklin Smith/Special to the Daily Press

Artists Liz Ryan, left back, and Tracy Corinne observe artwork of angels by children. From right to left: Celeste Gonzalez, Odette Gonzalez, Danae Gonzalez, Vicky Lopez. Leading the children in their artistic pursuits is Edna Loiza, far right.

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica Place mall has joined with the Los Angeles-based "Community of Angels" to bring an angel to Santa Monica.

The shopping center, located at Third Street and Broadway, will donate space to artist Liz Ryan for a gallery, where she will

create a "comic book angel" for charity. Shoppers will be able to view her work in progress from July 8-30 on the second level at suite 237.

Ryan, who lives in Hollywood, is one of 200 artists to take part in the popular art-for-charity project. Shoppers will be able to ask questions as Ryan hand paints the six-foot tall angel.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Thanks for the memories

Editor:

Thank you Rufus Baker for sharing some of the best memories of old Santa Monica in your piece entitled

“Do you remember Santa Monica in its hey day?”

Pro Se
Santa Monica

Protect legal marijuana use

Editor:

The California Supreme Court has unanimously confirmed that Proposition 215 really does what voters wanted it to do: Protect seriously ill medical marijuana users from arrest. Because the vast majority of marijuana arrests and prosecutions are carried out under state law, this represents a huge victory for patients.

The next step in protecting Californians who need medical marijuana to help them battle AIDS, cancer, and other terrible diseases must come at the federal level. The Drug Enforcement Administration's raids on medical marijuana dispensaries -- often conducted over the vehement objections of local officials -- have threatened the health and well being of thousands of seriously ill Californians who depend on these dispensaries for a safe, reliable supply of medicine. Congress can put a stop to this by enacting H.R. 2592, the States' Rights to Medical Marijuana Act, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA).

Congress will face another critical decision on medical marijuana shortly: The voters of Washington, D.C., will consider a medical marijuana initiative this November, and "drug war" ideologues in Congress have begun a move to block it before the vote

even takes place. Californians need to let their representatives know that they care

about this issue, and they want the federal government to respect the will of the voters.

Bruce Mirken
Washington D.C.

Cheers to the librarians

Editor:

In response to, "Library records subpoenaed by FBI and Secret Service," (Saturday, July 20), thank you for headlining the story, rather than burying it inside or failing to run it altogether. Also, applause to our librarians for refusing to cooperate until presented with a valid subpoena, and moreover, for the courage to divulge that the incident occurred. After all, they could face charges for reporting the fact because the U.S.A.Patriots Act includes a gag order forbidding librarians from telling anyone of such an attempt by government officials to obtain patrons' records.

At this morning's meeting of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, speaker Stephen F. Rohde, ESQ, immediate past president of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, talked about the erosion of our civil liberties since September 11 by laws passed under the guise of protecting us from terrorist attacks.

He reminded us of a statement made by Nazi concentration camp survivor, Pastor Martin Niemoller: "They came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time there was no one left to speak up." Now that they've come to Santa Monica, it is time for us to speak up and demand immediate restoration of our civil right to privacy.

Pam Vavra
Santa Monica

(Pam Vavra is chair of the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Assoc.)

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The FunHog

By Dan Dunn

Tough love: Is there any other kind?

“So I got you this job,” Fisher the Agent told me, “writing a column for a high-profile monthly magazine ... they’re gonna pay you \$8000 per column!”

“Holy shit!” I thought to myself. Eight grand a month to write a column in a high-profile monthly magazine!!!! I can’t believe it! I thought Fisher was too stupid to ever actually secure me a paying gig.

“Well,” he continued, “aren’t you gonna say anything?”

“I thought you were too stupid to ever actually secure me a paying gig,” I told him.

I’m sorry, but he asked.

“I know you’re just kidding ... so I’ll ignore that.”

I wasn’t kidding, but I decided to take the high road. “So, what magazine is it?” I asked. “GQ? Maxim? Playboy?”

There was a long, suspicious silence. “Fisher?”

“It’s ‘Women’s World Monthly.’”

There was another long, suspicious silence.

“I’m sorry,” I said finally, “but I thought you said ‘Women’s World Monthly.’ But I know you couldn’t possibly have said ‘Women’s World Monthly,’ cuz what in the hell would I ever be doing writing a column for ‘Women’s World

Monthly’?”

“Women like quizzes ... you can write quizzes, can’t you?” Fisher said nervously. “Think about the money. You need the money. And I need the commission.”

At first, all I could think about was throttling Fisher ... but then, I started to think about the money. Then, I thought about it some more ... and two days later, I dispatched the following fax ...

TO: The editor, ‘Women’s World Monthly.’

FROM: The FunHog

RE: Per our agreement, below is the first installment of the MALE CALL column for WWM. It’s a quiz, like you said you wanted. I hope you enjoy it.

TEXT:

Presenting the "First (And, Quite Possibly, The Last) FunHog Love Thingy." Please keep a pen and paper handy for scoring purposes, and keep in mind that since I am a male, the quiz is palpably chauvinistic. Ready? Here goes:

Q: The best part about having a steady partner is (A) having lots of sex, (B) having lots of sex with someone other than yourself or (C) having lots of sex with someone other than yourself and not having to pay for it.

Q: When planning to make love to a woman it is very important to have (A) a condom, (B) a woman or (C) a map.

Q: The best time to tell a woman you love her is (A) when you're certain about your feelings, (B) during a romantic din-

ner or (C) in desperation, at last call.

Q: You wake up with a strange woman in your bed whose name you simply cannot remember, you should (A) apologize and ask her name, (B) discreetly try and find a piece of identification or (C) roll with the "honey" and "babe" thing for as long as you can get away with it.

Q: Ever since you met the girl of your dreams, your stomach has been tied up in knots, you’ve been plagued by a chronic, queasy feeling, thinking clearly has become difficult, and you simply cannot get any sleep. Surely this girl has (A) gotten you to fall hopelessly in love with her, (B) that rare, "special something" that drives men mad or (C) given you some bizarre STD that is slowly but surely eating away your innards.

Q: When the girl of your dreams eventually realizes that you are a dud and splits, the best thing to do is (A) spend time with good friends who can help you get back on your feet, (B) drive everyone nuts with your interminable rambling about how much you miss her or (C) spend all your time drinking too much in seedy bars and telling women you love them at last call.

Q: When you finally do fall in love, it is important to remember (A) that real love is precious and should be honored and cherished, (B) her name or (C) whenever you fall into anything, it usually hurts - a lot.

Q: The ideal Valentine's Day gift for the one who "only has eyes for you" is (A) flowers, (B) chocolate or (C) eyeglasses.

If you answered A, B or C to any of the above questions, give yourself 10 points, roll up the magazine real tight-like and begin whapping yourself in the head as hard as you can. (I figure at this point, if I could get you to actually complete my inane quiz, I can get you to do anything.)

Still with me? Good. Keep that pen in

hand because the fun's not over yet. In order to compile data for the purpose of broadening the scope of our collective sexual consciousness, I've also put together a short questionnaire specifically for female readers. In the interest of science, it is imperative that you ladies take the time to complete this survey, print out a copy, and drop it off AS SOON AS POSSIBLE at Women’s World Monthly headquarters. When you come by be sure and ask for me, and ONLY ME, as this is a TOP SECRET EXPERIMENT, the ramifications of which could somehow alter the earth's axis, cause mass hysteria or something sensational like that. I reiterate, speak to absolutely no one except me - and me alone - when you arrive. And wear something sexy, too.

Anyway, here goes:

Q: If confronted by a callous, shallow WB Online writer in a bar you should (A) immediately inform him that you are uninterested and kindly ask him to leave you alone, (B) smack him as hard as you can and run for the exit or (C) offer to buy him dinner.

Q: You find me, Dan Dunn, (A) repulsive, (B) moderately vile or (C) hotter than summer in Death Valley.

In the interest of space, I've limited the survey to only two questions. Once again, please bring your responses by Women’s World Monthly headquarters ASAP. Keep in mind that if you answered (C) to any or all of the above questions, you may be asked to spend some time alone with me, at my home, so that I can perform further "tests." You know, just to see if you do anything weird.

(Dan Dunn is a Santa Monica resident and writes for Warner Bros. Online. For more FunHog fun check out thefunhog.com.)

LOCAL

Santa Monica's hot dog icon faces rent increase

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the establishment only hoped the 400 percent increase in rent would not put the establishment out of business.

"That sounds like a lot for a small stand like this," said Jon Franco, a Venice Beach resident and longtime customer. "You'd have to sell a lot of corn dogs to make that."

At 3 p.m., the line at the corn dog stand was 20 people long and growing. People at the end of the line said they didn't mind the wait.

"The line moves fast," said Rob Trimmer, a Culver City resident. "And besides when you come to the beach, this is absolutely a must. No trip to the beach would be the same."

Hot Dog on a Stick, located at 1633 Ocean Front Walk, is the original concession in the chain founded by David Barham in 1945. Barham, who died in 1991, opened the hot dog stand across from the original location of Muscle Beach.

According to a senior city staff report, Barham originally sublet the storefront from Selma Doumani for \$50 a month from 1954 through 1958. Then in 1958, the state of California acquired the property, which it transferred to Santa Monica in 1964.

The city approved a month-to-month lease renewal with Barham at a rate of \$300 per month — a 600 percent increase. In 1979, the city modified the month-to-month lease and increased the monthly rent to \$450. Rent was increased again in 1981 to \$550.

Hot Dog on a Stick's rent remained the

same until the city ordered an appraisal in 1998 to assess what the stand's market rate rent should be. However, the hot dog stand's management convinced city officials to stave off implementing the new \$2,200 rent until Santa Monica finished a nearby construction project that was negatively impacting the stand's business. Now that the construction is complete, the city is going after the higher rent.

Last year, the city nearly doubled the amount of base rent it receives from the building once occupied by the Boathouse restaurant on the Santa Monica Pier. The city ended its month-to-month lease with the Boathouse and decided to lease the building to the movie-themed restaurant Bubba Gump Shrimp.

Bubba Gump is expected to pay \$10,417 in base rent per month, plus \$1,889 annually for common maintenance and 2.5 percent of the restaurant's food, beverage and retail gross sales.

The Boathouse paid \$5,429 in monthly rent; \$168 for annual promotional fees and 8 percent of its gross revenues in excess of \$688,088 in annualized sales.

However, senior city staff members noted they did not look for a new tenant or use for the hot dog stand because of its Santa Monica heritage.

"The city did not seek a new use or tenant for the location since the original Hot Dog on a Stick concession has become closely associated with the Santa Monica beachfront," the staff report says. "Now that all construction adjacent to the property has been completed, staff has undertaken a current appraisal and recommends a market rate lease."

Pasadena's lawsuit succeeds, city's lost on a technicality

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Oaks Project officials deny those claims.

Santa Monica tried to get a ruling on the measure's validity by suing its own city clerk, Maria Stewart, for not enforcing it. Stewart argued it's unfair to single out only those who vote in favor of a contract when an official could also benefit from denying one, a notion that isn't considered in the voter-approved law.

But a superior court judge threw out the lawsuit on procedural grounds, forcing the city to appeal.

Anticipating a prompt decision in Santa Monica's case, Pasadena City Atty. Michele Beal Bagneris directed Pasadena's city clerk in June 2001 not to file the amendment to the city's charter with the secretary of state to make Measure B law.

After more than a year passed without Pasadena processing the necessary paperwork, city resident Rene Amy sued to get a judge to compel the city to put its measure on the books.

Attorneys for Pasadena filed a motion June 18, requesting that Byrne rule on Measure B's merits and strike down what the city states is an unconstitutional law. Judge Byrne agreed with Pasadena's

attorneys on Thursday.

Oaks Project's lawyers had filed a motion just two days earlier arguing that Byrne did not have jurisdiction to make such a ruling, and his decision Thursday took them by surprise. They had yet to offer any arguments on the constitutionality of the measure because they were focused on another lawsuit related to the case.

"There has never been a single sentence on the merits filed by the Oaks," said Fredric Woocher, the Oaks Project's primary attorney on the case. "The judge made his decision based on one side alone."

Carmen Balber, Oaks Project director, said, "We were astonished. We don't expect this to be a lasting decision."

Though the Oaks Project plans to appeal the ruling, Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard said he is pleased.

"In my view [Measure B] simply goes too far in the balance between seeking integrity among elected office and the ability to serve in public office," he said. "It places a significant block on people's willingness to serve in public office."

Balber disagrees.

"For each of these cities it's a smack in the face for the voters," he said, "to challenge what the voters have spoken and clearly said they want."



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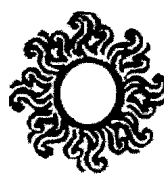
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Bay Area blamed for San Joaquin Valley pollution

By The Associated Press

ALTAMONT PASS — The seemingly benevolent breezes that power giant windmills on these hills also carry pollution inland to one of America's smoggiest regions, fueling a battle between rich and poor.

At the center of the dispute is something central to California: the automobile.

Lawsuits and legislation are pending that would require San Francisco area cars to undergo the same stiffer auto emissions tests required in every other urban area of California.

"You have the greenest, wealthiest area dumping pollution into one of the poorest areas," said Bruce Nilles, a former Earthjustice lawyer who has worked toward improving air quality in the valley.

The Bay Area, which sends significant pollution as far as the Sierra Nevada foothills, has escaped the requirement because of an exemption written into state law by a former lawmaker from the coastal region.

It doesn't take sophisticated air monitoring equipment to witness the pollution.

Nate Moehlman, an engineer and private pilot from Fresno, said that when he flies over the valley, he can follow a path of "gunk" all the way from the Bay Area to Bakersfield.

Ocean breezes blow east, through the Carquinez Straits to Sacramento and points north, and through the Altamont Pass south to the mountains that rim the valley's southern border. Currents swirl in an eddy of concentrated pollution east and south of Fresno, which has some the highest smog levels in the nation.

The debate has illuminated the distrust and even contempt that has existed for decades between the industrial farm region and the city by the bay.

Valley folk have sensed a holier-than-thou attitude among Bay Area lawmakers and environmentalists they believe are forcing a liberal agenda on hard-working families who farm the nation's most productive land.

To Bay Area denizens, the Central

Valley is the hot, dusty, backward plain that must be endured on the drive to Lake Tahoe or Yosemite National Park.

When Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza, D-Atwater, filed a bill this year require Bay Area residents to pass the stiffer emissions test, Assemblywoman Carole Migden, D-San Francisco, blamed part of the problem on tire fires and junk heaps in the valley.

The Fresno Bee responded with an editorial headlined "Bay Area airhead."

Migden said the legislation is punitive, not supported by science and is motivated by "an irresistible impulse to pick on the Bay Area."

Still, the state Air Resources Board has found that the Bay Area has had an "overwhelming" impact on inland pollution — 27 percent of the smog in Stockton came from the Bay Area. In the southern end of the valley, where air pollution is worse, the figure drops to slightly less than 10 percent.

Air pollution control districts in the Central Valley haven't challenged a state exemption for agriculture that has allowed farms to remain largely unregulated for years. But they have sued the state board to reverse the Bay Area's smog exemption, which was written during a brief period when the Bay Area met federal Clean Air Act standards for smog.

The enhanced Smog Check II checks required for every other metropolitan area in California cost most motorists about \$10, but much more for repairs if the cars fail to meet the standard.

Ending the exemption would eliminate an estimated 27 tons of pollutants which contribute to smog downwind, said Ellen Garvey, air pollution control officer for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

"It doesn't do anything to help us but it does help them," Garvey said. "I think we ultimately want to do the right thing for clean air and we want to do the right thing for our neighbors."

A study should be complete by the end of the month on how much of those smog-forming emissions are contributing to inland pollution.

Many vacation rentals stay 'dark' this season

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America has predicted only a two percent increase in summer travel this year. A survey by the group found tourists more likely to plan shorter trips, spend less money and stay closer to home.

While the luxury market has been sluggish, there has been good news in the area of modest-sized rental properties.

On Catalina Island, mid-priced condominiums located off the beach have maintained a 98 percent occupancy rate, according to Kevin Stege, owner of Catalina Island Vacation Rentals Inc.

Overall, Stege said business has grown 10 percent since last year as more travelers opted for shorter trips.

Real estate experts say not only Sept. 11 heightened travel concerns, but the downturn in the economy and the hesitancy of foreigners to travel are factors in the slow market.

"I keep lowering prices, but I have no tenants," said Danielle Purcell, a real

estate agent for Village Rentals in Laguna Beach. "There's nothing else I can do."

In an effort to draw renters, Purcell has cut monthly rents up to 20 percent, including one house with a dramatic view of the Pacific Ocean. That house will go for \$16,000 per month rather than the usual \$20,000.

Purcell said it's the first time in more than a decade that she's had a vacancy for a beachside home in the middle of summer.

The story is the same further up the coast in Santa Barbara.

"People just aren't throwing their money around as much," said Gary Goldberg, who owns Coastal Getaways Realty in Santa Barbara.

As a result, an estimated 10 percent of vacation rentals remain empty this season, Goldberg said.

In a couple of cases, owners cut prices to \$20,000 from \$25,000 on expensive properties that are usually the first to be reserved each year, he said.

STATE



“Dirty bomb” materials abound across California

By The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — There are plenty of ingredients easily accessible in California to assemble a “dirty bomb,” or explosives laced with radioactive material, according to a newspaper’s investigation.

The Sacramento Bee reported Sunday that radioactive materials are scattered across the state at thousands of sites, and hundreds of them hold enough for a “dirty bomb,” according to state and federal records.

Machines that operate using large amounts of radioactivity have become commonplace in medicine, research and construction. Radioactive material can be found in the lunchbox-sized construction tool used to peer inside pipelines and walls; in the giant irradiators used to purify foods and sterilize medical supplies; in the medical equipment used to cut brain tumors and treat blood.

In some places, such equipment is left unattended for hours or days behind locked doors, the Bee reported.

With the exception of nuclear plants and weapons sites, the nation’s system of radiological safeguards is aimed at preventing accidents, not thwarting well-planned thefts.

“Safety is different from security. We need to do a much better job of controlling the radioactive materials we have out there,” said Steven E. Koonin, a nuclear physicist and provost at the California Institute of Technology who has advised the government on security issues.

A “dirty bomb,” known formally as a radiation dispersal device, probably would kill no more people than a conventional blast. It would cause far fewer

deaths than a chemical or biological attack, experts say.

But some predict the dirty bomb is one of the likeliest weapons to be unleashed by terrorists because the ingredients are so easy to get and the potential damage in panic and cleanup costs are so huge.

“I would be surprised if we didn’t see one within a decade,” Koonin said.

Although medical and industrial uses of radiation are widely documented, The Bee chose not to identify the owners of significant quantities in light of concerns about how simple it might be to gather enough radioactivity to create a “dirty bomb.”

People have to take safety courses before getting a license to own even small amounts of radioactive materials, but they do not need to undergo criminal or background checks. A federal law to require background checks for hazardous materials haulers is at least two months away from being implemented.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission recently reduced the frequency of inspections for most radioactive materials license holders and does not fully check large inventories to ensure their owners know what is on hand.

“The NRC is horrifically undermanned,” said John Wolfsthal, deputy director of the nonproliferation project at Carnegie Endowment in Washington, D.C.

However, a terrorist who wanted to make a dirty bomb would have to steal equipment that holds radioactive material or get lengthy, uninterrupted access. They would have to open the equipment, risking a slow death or a fast one, depending on how much radioactivity it contains. Finally, they’d have to assemble the bomb itself and get it to its target site.

Alleged Runnion killer may face death penalty

BY CHELSEA J. CARTER

Associated Press Writer

STANTON — The district attorney said Sunday he is reviewing whether to seek the death penalty against the man arrested in the kidnap and murder of 5-year-old Samantha Runnion.

Alejandro Avila, 27, was scheduled to be charged Monday afternoon with abducting, sexually assaulting and strangling the girl. He was to appear at an arraignment in Santa Ana, sheriff’s spokesman Jim Amormino said.

Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackackaus said he would meet with Samantha’s family as well as Avila’s attorneys before making the decision.

“After I review what they have to say with my staff and also review the evidence, then I’ll decide whether or not to pursue the death penalty,” Rackackaus said on NBC’s “Today” show.

Funeral services for Samantha were pending. Late Saturday night her mother, Erin Runnion, broke a long silence and met with well-wishers in the courtyard of the townhome complex where a massive memorial of flowers, candles, cards and toys has appeared.

“You are truly wonderful to us,” she said, and warned people: “Take care of your babies. Take care of each other’s babies.”

Samantha was playing with a 5-year-

old friend just yards from her home when a man claiming to look for a lost puppy carried her away, kicking and screaming.

The swift arrest of Avila followed a massive effort by the police, press and public that began minutes after the first 911 call, Sheriff Mike Carona told The Associated Press Sunday.

Under the department’s child-abduction emergency alert plan, a Southern California alert went out 10 minutes after the report that the girl had been snatched, he said.

“We were in everybody’s front room, bedroom. People were seeing the task force number and we were getting thousands of calls. And it was those calls that led us to Avila,” the sheriff said.

Carona said the department adopted the alert plan in 1999. It calls for an immediate countywide law enforcement alert and the notification of media. The alert plan was first used by in March 2000 following the abduction of an 11-year-old girl from Laguna Hills. She was returned safely from Mexico.

“We drill from the top down as to how to respond. We have play books,” Carona said.

Carona said the department plans to create a playbook for other law enforcement agencies. It also will review how it reacted in Samantha’s case.

“We’re going to figure out what are strengths were, what our weaknesses were and what we can do better,” Carona said.



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ENTERTAINMENT

New reality show twist: neighbors feud in style

BY DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

BEDFORD, N.Y. — She's not a movie star or a musician. Yet Genevieve Gorder stands surrounded by six teen-age girls, each thrusting bits of paper toward her to sign.

A designer, Gorder is taking a break from splashing "coffee-toned" paints on the walls and ceiling of a suburban bedroom for The Learning Channel program "Trading Spaces."

"It's the only thing I watch obsessively," said Jess Netro, 17, who hung out with her friends in a driveway across the street from a home being invaded by the cable show's cameras.

Netro's not alone in her devotion to a program about interior design. "Trading Spaces" has become a sensation that has set ratings records for TLC, developed its own heartthrob (hunky carpenter Ty Pennington) and spawned a spinoff bound to create marital discord.

"Trading Spaces" got an Emmy nomination Thursday, and even has its own lingo: The "reveal" is the moment when participants discover — to their delight or horror — what their neighbor hath wrought on their home.

A mix of a reality and game show, "Trading Spaces" takes neighbors who agree, with a professional designer's help, to make over a room in the other's home. They have two days to work and a \$1,000 spending limit.

"We're the ultimate neighborhood gossip show," said Denise Cramsey, executive producer of "Trading Spaces" for Banyan Productions. "Everyone wonders what's going on in their neighbors' house. Now we're in the neighbors' house and we're creating what's going on."

TLC didn't expect much when it got the rights to a British show, "Changing Rooms," to remake for an American audience. But it caught on quickly after its premiere in September 2000, and the network moved it from a weekday afternoon time slot to Saturday nights.

As is customary for many cable networks when a hit blossoms, the show is rerun relentlessly throughout the week.

"I've lost count," said TLC executive Stephen Schwartz, laughing, when asked how many times a week it airs.

Three episodes that ran during TLC's Memorial Day "Trading Spaces" marathon rank among the highest-rated prime-time shows in the channel's history.

Earlier this month, TLC also drew strong numbers when it premiered a new series, "While You Were Out," about one-half of a couple that remakes a room while their spouse is out of town.

Cramsey sees success in more than the ratings. She gets 300 applications each day from neighbors who want to trade spaces; it used to be 50. When Schwartz's wife wore a "Trading Spaces" cap on vacation this month, strangers approached her to ask how to be on the show.

The Bedford neighbors, Amy Suffredini and Amy Minasian, coaxed their husbands to participate. They're both friends and relatives — Amy Suffredini and Phil Minasian are cousins — who bought homes on the same street in the past few years.

They've renovated extensively, but neither had done much with their master bedrooms.



Stephen Chernin/Associated Press

Designer Doug Wilson uses a level to map the wall for his paint design during a taping of TLC's "Trading Spaces" in Katonah, N.Y. A mix of a reality and game show, the series takes neighbors who agree, with a professional designer's help, to make over a room in the other's home.

Of the two couples, Amy Minasian is the show's biggest fan.

"I like the before and after," she said. "I like the idea of doing it for only \$1,000 and seeing how much of a dramatic change can be made."

She, her husband and Gorder were tearing up the wall-to-wall carpeting in the Suffredini's bedroom, in an old farmhouse built in 1790, to expose the wood floor. They were building a new headboard with a built-in desk to fit a computer. For art, they were blowing up to poster size a picture Amy Suffredini had taken during a trip to Ireland.

Theoretically, the design was a partnership between Gorder and the Minasians. In the first hours of work, Gorder became miffed when one of her ideas was questioned.

Aside from the fact that it's made her a mini-celebrity, the designer said she likes the show because it lets her quickly realize a vision for a room with little burden from second-guessing clients.

"Ninety-nine percent of the time, people say, 'I want my house to look like Pottery Barn,'" Gorder said. "And that can be pretty boring."

A few houses away, designer Doug Wilson has cleared out the Minasians' bedroom and outlined a checkerboard design for sage and taupe paint. He's ordering two new nightstands, aiming at a modern look that uses a lot of wood.

In the driveway, carpenter Amy Wynn Pastor — disappointing the teen-age girls and their mothers who had hoped for a glimpse of Pennington — was building a new headboard.

It was all a build-up to the moment when the couples would see their new bedrooms. (There has been no date set yet for the episode to air.) Usually, couples are pleased; out of about 100 shows, there have only been five cases where a participant absolutely hated what was done.

The Suffredinis and Minasians all smiled and said they liked the excitement of the game and the mystery of what would happen. Of course, that didn't stop the Minasians from leaving more than a dozen explicit instructions about what they did or didn't want done. And it made Cramsey a bit nervous that both Amy and Brian Suffredini are lawyers.

"There's always a chance of something a little freaky," Amy Suffredini said. "But I know how to fix things."

How did they like the finished product? Did they smile in wonder or shriek in dismay?

You'll have to tune in.

NATIONAL



S.S. Espresso sets sail in cafe capital of the U.S.

BY MELANTHIA MITCHELL
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE — In this city of java junkies and boat enthusiasts, it was only a matter of time before someone found a way to float lattes to the masses.

Dudley Bennett and his wife, Robby, set sail on the "Hibernia Espresso" almost every summer weekend — week-nights if the weather's nice — with a bounty of hotdogs, bratwurst, chips and, of course, coffee.

"It's been going good," Bennett says during a warm Friday evening on Seattle's Lake Union. "The response has been wonderful."

And who's to complain, especially in this city, about the smell of fresh cappuccino wafting across the water?

Bennett says he'd always wanted a floating barbecue business. He first thought the plan would work 10 years ago, when he remembers seeing a boat called "Bob's Espresso."

In 1999, he and his wife, Robby, found a steel tugboat already equipped with a vendor-style espresso machine. They've spent about \$25,000 for the boat, a smoker for hot dogs, a large back-yard grill and a freezer. Then they got the necessary approval from the health department.

"It's a great way to spend the day," Robby Bennett says with a sweeping gesture of the lake and downtown Seattle skyline. "We get to hang out together doing what we like."

This is a second job for the couple, who both work on pleasure boats. The Hibernia stays docked during most of the week, but on weekends they're out about eight hours each day, when the lake is more active with boaters.

Memorial Day weekend was their first official day of business but they haven't really made money yet.

"Right now we're just putting ourselves out there and getting everyone used to us," Robby Bennett says after about 30 minutes on the water without any orders.

Dudley Bennett allows the Hibernia to drift quietly on the lake as speed boats whiz by and passing kayakers wave a hello.

"You kind of get an idea when they want something when they come bee-lining right for you," Dudley Bennett says. He steers the boat toward the lake's east side and a group of houseboats — maybe there's business there.

The little green, red and white boat nears the docks, drawing curious glances from people in their homes.

"Oh my God, look at that!" a woman says after reading the sign at the boat's stern advertising lattes and hotdogs.

"Only in Seattle," another woman says while smiling and shaking her head.

People have plenty of tips — put up a bigger sign, offer catering services. The most popular suggestion: "You should add beer to the menu!"

Both have agreed beer won't be added to the drinks list. However, they have added "Frosty Paws," much to the pleasure of their dog, Ziggy, who also goes out on the lake. The liver-flavored ice cream provides other dog owners with a cool snack for their parched pooches.

They continue along the boat docks, chatting with people and asking everyone to look for them during the weekend.

"This is a great idea!" says Meredith Field, who doesn't order any coffee but makes a request for an early morning coffee delivery to surprise her dad. "Wait until August, you will be the most popular boat on the lake."

With a promise to return in the morning, Dudley Bennett heads back toward the opposite side of the lake.

It seems the day is a bust, but then a speed boat jetties up to the tug, its owner Tim Gorman curious to see what the Hibernia has to offer.

"I first saw the color, then I saw the sign and thought, 'Yah hooley!'" Gorman says as he begins making requests.

The scent of sweet coffee and warming hotdogs soon fills the air as the group of six orders about \$40 worth of food and drinks — a purchase Gorman says would normally require that he dock near a restaurant and get out of his boat.

"This is wonderful," he says while leaning over the side to retrieve his order — a transaction that needs a steady hand to counter the rocking vessel.

Any wind and movement on the lake can unsettle the tugboat, Robby Bennett says, but the couple prefers the calmer waters of Lake Union, which is smaller and has fewer large boats to create disruptive wakes.

A set of kayakers paddle up to the Hibernia shortly after Gorman leaves. Kathy Herrmann uses her paddle to draw closer, then jams it between the boat's railing to begin placing her order.

Woman crushed by tractor, husband crawls to get help

By The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Okla. — An 89-year-old man crawled for 23 hours to report a tractor accident that left his wife dead, authorities said.

Florence Ruth Holba of Billings died Friday after the tractor driven by her husband, Edwin Holba, rolled over her on the couple's farm in rural Noble County, state troopers said Saturday.

Mrs. Holba, 80, was standing behind the tractor when Holba's foot slipped off the clutch, the state highway patrol said. The tractor rolled backward over her, pinning her beneath it.

Holba got off the tractor but fell when he went to check on his wife, the patrol said. Holba, who usually requires assistance to walk, was unable to stand and crawled for 23 hours until he reached his residence and called for help shortly before 10 a.m. Saturday, troopers said.

The couple's son, Jim Holba, said his father crawled about 400 feet from the tractor to his home.

He said his father was hospitalized with dehydration.

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NATIONAL

CEOs told to check celebrity status at the front door

BY RACHEL BECK

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — It's time for chief executives to give up their celebrity status and get back to business.

With a wave of scandals thrusting corporate titans into the hot seat, CEOs need to roll up their sleeves and return to the trenches with the charge of running their companies effectively and ethically.

That means shedding the public persona that became a CEO badge in the booming 1990s. Given their increasing accountability for any corporate misdeeds under their watch, CEOs can't afford to be distracted from what they were hired to do.

"The days of the celebrity CEO who was there to build his own marquis value is over," said Joe Goodwin, who runs the Atlanta-based executive recruiting firm The Goodwin Group. "The job of the CEO is to run the business and they have to get back to doing that."

The economic boom vaulted CEOs into the spotlight. They crowded glossy magazine covers that were once reserved for movie stars and sports figures, and

took in fat paychecks that rivaled the top echelon of Hollywood elite.

Many, like Enron Corp.'s CEO Kenneth Lay and ImClone Systems Inc.'s Sam Waksal, became fixtures on the privileged social circuit and in society columns. Even their homebuilding, such as the 64-room Bel-Air home bought by Global Crossing Ltd.'s Gary Winnick for \$65 million in cash, was public knowledge.

"Their superstar status pushed the individual, not the organization, into the spotlight," said Al Vicere, executive education professor of strategic leadership at the Smeal College of Business at Penn State University. "It became about me, the CEO, and making my mark in the world."

While their stars were rising, many CEOs failed to stay focused on what was happening back at company headquarters. That allowed for rampant wrongdoing up and down the corporate ranks, some so serious that it has destroyed organizations and severely punished employees and shareholders.

But the recent headline-grabbing scandals have left CEOs with little choice in what to do next.

"The traditional role of the CEO is back," said W. Scott Sherman, assistant professor of management at the Graziadio School of Business at Pepperdine University. "Your job isn't to get caught up in the ego pool, but to be in charge with executing what happens in the organization."

To start, CEOs should be equally true to their employees, customers and shareholders. In recent years, pleasing stock investors outweighed everything else, motivating executives to push for quick signs of earnings growth.

It's up to top executives to refocus attention toward long-term, sustainable growth, and make sure that message reaches Wall Street.

Within their organizations, CEOs need to firmly establish a moral code, and let everyone know the consequences of not following it.

"Get out of the corner office and talk to your employees," said Newmont Mining Corp. CEO Wayne Murdy, who regularly visits his company's facilities away from its Denver headquarters. "You have to set the tone for what is expected and wear your values on your sleeve."

It's a CEO's job to immerse themselves into the depths of the company, not micro-managing every employee's move but setting up processes that will keep all levels of the company connected and prevent any rogue worker from doing wrong.

CEOs should be willing to openly question everything that doesn't make sense — from complicated accounting practices to product design to new marketing programs — and encourage employees to do the same.

At the online-trading company Ameritrade Inc., CEO Joe Moglia says constant dialogue throughout the organization helps ensure honesty and integrity. He holds question-and-answer sessions with employees every six weeks, embraces feedback from an advisory council made up of non-managers and promotes "lunch-box" talks that bring together small groups from different parts of the company for casual discussions.

"CEOs have to create an environment where people are always trying to do the right thing ... and everyone knows that not doing the right thing isn't tolerated," Moglia said.

Investors, Wall Street brace for yet another difficult week

BY LISA SINGHANIA

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street's hemorrhaging may not be over, much to the chagrin of investors who have watched stock prices plummet for nine straight weeks.

Even after the 390-point plunge Friday that took the Dow Jones industrials to their lowest close in nearly four years, many analysts said a brief bounce higher on bargain hunting is the best the market is likely to get — and more losses Monday were still a strong possibility.

"There is a total lack of conviction in this marketplace, so we are going to remain weak and there is considerable risk for more selling," said Robert Froehlich, chief investment strategist for Deutsche Asset Management. "This is about emotion — the lack of confidence around account-

ing issues and corporate governance."

Indeed, investor confidence, already battered after two years of losses in the market, shows no signs of improvement. Instead, analysts say investors have grown more disillusioned by the spate of accounting and corporate ethics scandals at companies ranging from Enron Corp. to WorldCom Inc.

The market's sharp selloffs have brought the major stock gauges to below their post-Sept. 11 lows, and only increased investors' sense of helplessness.

As a result, many would-be buyers are no longer willing to take any chances and are avoiding stocks and mutual funds. Others are selling, and shifting their money to investments perceived as less risky, such as cash savings accounts or bonds.

"It's time to diversify and go into something safer,"

said Steve Hinkle, 50, a chemist in Bristol, Penn., who has stopped buying stocks out of concern more declines are ahead. "I don't think we're bottomed out yet. I think we're still in for a long ride down."

Equity mutual funds lost \$11.4 billion during the week ending July 17, the largest outflow this year, according to AMG Data Services. And a third of those surveyed in a CNN-Time poll released Sunday indicated recent declines in the stock market have caused them to consider delaying retirement.

A rebound was possible Monday simply because of the magnitude of the market's losses this past week — 665 points on the Dow, 54 points on the Nasdaq composite index and 73 points on the Standard & Poor's index. But a few analysts doubt it would last because the prospects for more bad news are significant.

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SPORTS



Agassi headlines Mercedes Benz tennis tournament

BY TOM A. MCFERSON
Special to the Daily Press

The 2002 Mercedes Benz Cup begins today, kicking off the men's summer tennis hard-court circuit.

The tournament will try to equal last year's dream week, with many of the top ranked players in the world taking part, including several up and coming young Americans.

Andre Agassi, winner of seven grand slam titles and currently ranked fourth in the world, headlines the event.

Looking to put devastating losses at the French Open and Wimbledon behind him,

Agassi would love to win this event and put his game back on track. Winner of this event in 1998 and 2001, Agassi has to be high on the list of favorites again this year. His first round is against Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark Tuesday night.

Also headlining the tournament this year is three time French Open winner Gustavo Kuerten, a Brazilian native. Still trying to rediscover his game after major hip surgery four months ago, Kuerten will be looking to give the Brazilian fans something to cheer about. Agassi beat Kuerten in the semi-finals of last year's tournament.

The tournament was dealt a major blow by the withdrawal of Wimbledon

Champion and top ranked tennis player Lleyton Hewitt. Battling a form of viral gastroenteritis, Hewitt has been unable to practice for the past week and did not feel ready to compete in Los Angeles.

Other big names in the tournament include Tommy Haas of Germany, currently ranked number three in the world; Xavier Malisse of Belgium, a semi-finalist in last month's Wimbledon; eleventh ranked Sebastien Grojean of France; and crowd favorite and former champion, Michael Chang.

Young American Andy Roddick returns, hoping to do a little more damage in this year's tournament. Roddick has struggled with increased expectations this

year, and he wants to get his game in gear prior to the US Open. Roddick opens against Hyung-Taik Lee of South Korea.

Other Americans in the draw are: Jan-Michael Gambill; Justin Gimelstob, formerly of UCLA; Taylor Dent, coming off his first tournament win two weeks ago in Newport, Rhode Island; and Vincent Spadea.

Notably missing is Pete Sampras, two time winner and last year's finalist. Sampras chose not to take part in the tournament this year.

The Mercedes Benz Cup is played at the Los Angeles Tennis Center on the campus of UCLA, near Pauley Pavilion, with total prize money hitting \$1,000,000.

Els captures British Open in record-setting playoff

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

GULLANE, Scotland — Ernie Els rebounded from one setback after another Sunday, most of it his own doing, and outlasted Thomas Levet of France to win the British Open in the largest and longest play-off in the 142-history of the tournament.

“Yesterday was just one of those fluke days that you had to throw out. It was just a brutal day for all of us.”

— TIGER WOODS
Professional Golfer

Els squandered a three-stroke lead on the back nine at Muirfield, only to recover with a birdie-par finish to get into a four-man playoff. He held it steady over four holes, then won with a bunker shot on the 18th that will be the signature shot of this Open.

World No. 1 Tiger Woods shot a 6-under 65 on Sunday — 16 shots better than Saturday's disastrous, wind-blown 81 — to finish on even-par 284 for the tournament.

Woods, who failed in an attempt to win the third leg in golf's Grand Slam after taking the first two, called Saturday “one of those fluke days” and said he was not soured on the British Open despite the unpredictable and often abysmal weather.

“Certainly not,” he said. “This is the oldest championship there is in our sport. One that all the players certainly respect and have admiration for.”

“Yesterday was just one of those fluke days that you had to throw out. It was just a brutal day for all of us.”

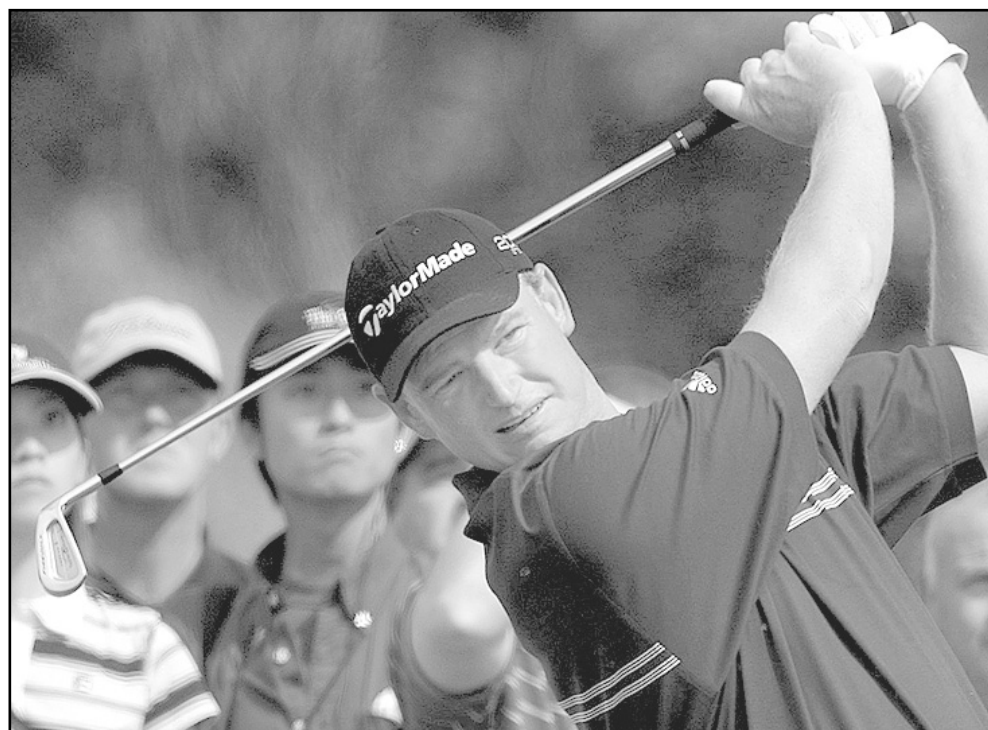
“I played some of the toughest conditions I have ever seen.”

Woods was trying to become the first to win all four majors in one year — the Grand Slam. He could still win three of four by taking next month's U.S. PGA. Woods has already won all four majors in succession — known as the Tiger Slam — but over two seasons.

“Two was a great year. I think sometimes the media and everybody tend to lose perspective on how difficult it is to win a major championship. Any time you win one major in a year it is going to be a successful year.”

Els has finished second six times to Woods, including the 2000 British Open at St. Andrews.

“I think today for the first time I really didn't think a lot about Tiger. Other days when it might have been calmer you look at the leaderboard and wait for his charge. But today, to be honest with you, he was the furthest thing from my mind.”



Alastair Grant/Associated Press

South Africa's Ernie Els plays an iron shot during the final round of the British Open Golf Championship at Muirfield golf course in Scotland on Sunday.

Scotland's Colin Montgomerie, considered the home nation's best shot for the title, finished with a grim total of 13-over par 297.

Having started with a 74, he shot a best Open round of 64 in round two but followed that with an 84. On Sunday, Montgomerie finished his 13th Open with a 75 for his worst ever total in the cham-

pionship.

Tiger Woods had a great finish, a 6-under 65 that brought him back to even par for the tournament.

Woods wrote off his chances after an 81 on Saturday, his worst score as a professional, leaving him 11 strokes behind Els with 66 players between them.

Bonds improved, takes batting practice at Dodger Stadium

BY JOHN NADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Barry Bonds' strained right hamstring was markedly improved Sunday and although he wasn't in the San Francisco Giants' starting lineup, he took batting practice, did some light jogging and rode a stationary bike.

In one round of batting practice, he hit three balls over the center-field fence at Dodger Stadium.

“I'm all right,” he said in the clubhouse before the Giants completed a three-game series at Los Angeles. “I won't know any more until Monday.”

Giants trainer Stan Conte said Bonds, who hurt himself Friday night, had improved more than he thought he would.

“It seems to be getting down to one little spot, in the back of his leg, above his knee,” Conte said. “He will be getting an MRI tomorrow.”

When asked the best-case scenario for Bonds, Conte replied: “He could play by Wednesday or Thursday. If you would give me that, I would take it.”

Bonds turns 38 on Wednesday.

Bonds strained his hamstring chasing Eric Karros' leadoff triple to left-center field in the 11th inning Friday night.

Bothered by sore hamstrings since spring training, Bonds remained on the ground for a few minutes before slowly

limping off the field.

Conte said he wouldn't rule out the possibility of Bonds going on the disabled list, but that seems unlikely considering the way he looked in batting practice.

In addition, Bonds has bounced back much faster than expected following previous injuries.

Bonds, who hit a record 73 homers last year, has 28 this season and 595 in his career to rank fourth on the all-time list.

Armstrong closer to title, slams fans for doping accusations

BY MICHAEL MCDONOUGH
Associated Press Writer

MONT VENTOUX, France — As he closes in on a fourth straight Tour de France title, Lance Armstrong is hearing a familiar but unwelcome chant from fans lining the route.

On Sunday, after another strong performance in the mountains extended his overall lead to almost 4 1/2 minutes, Armstrong had heard enough.

“If I had a dollar for every time somebody yelled, ‘Doe-PAY! Doe-PAY!’ (French for ‘Doped! Doped!’), I'd be a rich man,” he said. “It's disappointing.”

Thanks to a stunning sprint up the formidable Mont Ventoux on Sunday, Armstrong stretched his lead over Joseba Beloki in the standings to 4 minutes, 21 seconds.

The run wasn't enough for the Texan to take the stage, though. Armstrong finished third, 2:20 behind winner Richard Virenque of France, who led for the last 125 miles of the 137-mile 14th leg.

Thousands of fans turned out for the stage, but not all were on Armstrong's side.

“The people are not very sportsmanlike, some of them,” the U.S. Postal Service rider said. “A boo is a lot louder than a cheer. If you have 10 people cheering and one person booing, all you hear is the boo.”

Many fans waved the U.S. flag and banners with Armstrong's name Sunday. But they were outnumbered by those supporting the French, Belgian, Italian and German riders, among others



INTERNATIONAL

Deportation debate rages, Israel may withdraw

BY NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Israeli officials, faced with an international outcry and a definitive ruling by their attorney general, acknowledged Sunday they couldn't legally deport relatives of suicide bombers unless they were directly linked to attacks.

Also Sunday, a Palestinian official said Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the Palestinians that Israeli troops could withdraw from two West Bank cities — Bethlehem and Hebron — in the coming days. Israeli officials denied the claim.

On Friday, Israeli officials had said they were considering deportation to the Gaza Strip for 21 people arrested in West Bank raids who were relatives of suspects in attacks last week that killed 12 Israeli residents.

The threat generated international condemnation and cries of collective punishment from the Palestinians.

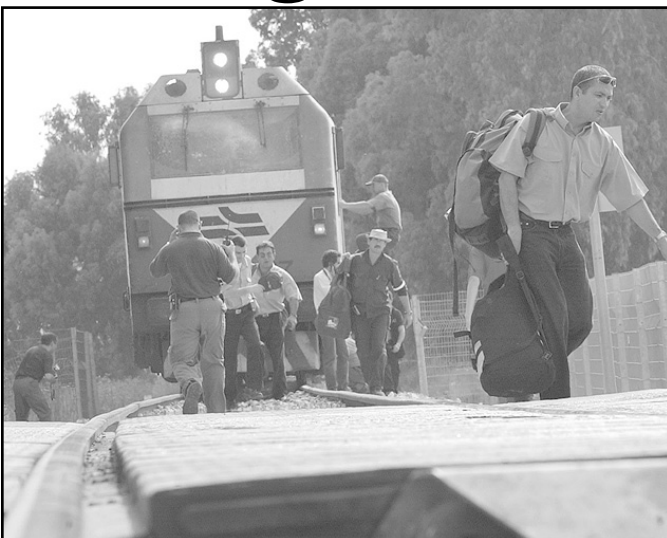
Amnesty International and Palestinian and Israeli human rights groups said the proposal was a violation of international law. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said "self-defense cannot justify measures that amount to collective punishments."

Even Israel's closet ally, the United States, warned against deporting anyone based solely on their family relations.

On Sunday, Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein's office issued a statement, saying deportation could be considered only for people "directly involved" in attacks.

Ranaan Gissin, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said it was clear "from the beginning that it (deportation) was problematic."

"If you can't do the move in a legal manner, then you can't do it," he said. He said there was no legal possibility for deportation if there was no proof of clear involvement in a terror act.



Eitan Hess-Ashkenazi/Associated Press

An unidentified passenger walks away from the train hit by a bomb in the central city of Yavneh, Israel, Sunday as Israeli police and train workers inspect the damage. The explosion went off on the tracks in the town of Yavneh and damaged the engine of the passenger train. The engineer of the train was injured in the abdomen from the force of the blast, but the train was not derailed, police said.

Still, the 21 family members arrested Friday were being investigated to see if any fit Rubinstein's criteria for deportation. "If any were directly involved, who meet the criteria, you can consider deporting them," Gissin said.

The relatives had petitioned the Israeli Supreme Court to block any deportation. However, they withdrew the petition Sunday after the court said it could not rule unless the government ordered a deportation.

The proposal for more blanket and punitive deporta-

tions had generated some support in Israel.

"The expulsions of terrorists and their families is one of the most severe punishments we can give — and it will deter the terrorists significantly," Maj. Gen. Yom-Tov Samia, former head of the army's southern command, told the Yedioth Ahronoth daily.

Deportation is sensitive for Palestinians, whose close-knit family relations dictate much of their everyday lives. Deportation to Gaza from West Bank villages where their extended families live would remove much of their social, emotional and economic support systems.

The debate over deportation came as Peres met late Saturday with Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat and discussed conditions for easing restrictions on Palestinians and for Israel to end its monthlong occupation of West Bank towns and cities, both sides said.

Israeli forces occupied seven of the eight major West Bank towns and cities after back-to-back suicide bombings in Jerusalem on June 18-20 killed 26 Israelis.

A Palestinian official said Peres had told Erekat the army would leave Bethlehem and Hebron within days. Army Radio issued a similar report. But officials in Peres' office said they knew nothing of the proposal, and Gissin indicated a withdrawal wouldn't happen soon.

Peres didn't mention a timeframe or cities to be vacated in an interview Sunday with Israel Radio. The army, he said, has "no interest in staying in those places where the Palestinians can prove that they can take control."

The Palestinians have demanded Israel get out, arguing they can't assume security control while Israeli forces are in place, enforcing curfews and hunting for militants.

Gissin said that so far, the Palestinians hadn't shown they were ready to take over.

"We have in the past acted on the basis of promises, and what we got was terror attacks," he said. "Do you really believe we will do that again?"

Long-suffering Kabul zoo awaits more animals

BY DUSAN STOJANOVIC

Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — Mangy monkeys tremble as young Afghans rattle their cages with sticks. Eagles bake in the summer heat as they languish in small, smelly pens. A bear sits listlessly, an open sore on its nose left untreated.

China is preparing to send more animals to Kabul's dilapidated zoo, but some experts say conditions there need to be improved first before subjecting newcomers to such hardships.

Jane Ballentine, a spokeswoman for the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, which has coordinated an international relief effort to restore the Kabul zoo after years of war and neglect, says the time is not ripe for the Chinese gift.

"It's way too early for that," she said from Silver Spring, Md. "They can barely shelter the animals they have left, let alone feed them."

The Chinese offer — two lions, a wolf, five white chickens, bears, deer, blue peacocks and wild pigs — is generous, she said, but there is no place to put the animals.

"It's bombed out. The funds were raised with the expectation that they would go to rebuilding the zoo before the care and administration of new animals started," Ballentine said.

But the chief of the zoo, anxious to restore one of the few places in the Afghan capital designed for amusement, said Saturday that there were enough facilities to handle more animals.

"A Chinese delegation, including their ambassador

(to Kabul), recently visited the zoo and they saw that everything here is according to international standards," said Omar Shir. "The Chinese promised to ship the animals soon."

The plight of one of the zoo's inhabitants — Marjan, an aging, one-eyed lion — prompted an outpouring of donations from abroad after the Taliban fell. When Marjan died in February, the China Wildlife Conservation Association and the Beijing Badaling Safari World said they wanted to donate a replacement, along with the other animals.

Life is tough for the remaining animals. Food is scarce, their cages are small and dirty, the heat is too much for many of them. But their biggest source of discomfort may be young Afghans who seem to take pleasure in tormenting the beasts.

Monkeys are targeted with stones or their cages are rattled with sticks, sending them in wild chases in crumpled space, triggering painful cries. Eagles are often beaten by visitors jumping over protected fence in front of their cage.

Marjan's compound with dried-out grass and dust littered with gray rocks is awaiting new lions. Not far away stands his grave, a special tribute to "the hero lion," as he is known in Afghanistan.

Shir admits the situation is not "ideal" but says it's much better than before.

He proudly displays a bundle of letters and drawings by American children moved by Marjan's suffering. He also has photocopies of checks — ranging from \$25 to \$745 — from donors, mostly children, in the United States.

The minds meet



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U.S. Gen. Dan K. McNeill, right, leaves Kandahar Gov. Gul Agha Sherzai's house in Kandahar, Afghanistan, Sunday. Sherzai said he hoped American troops would continue to fight al-Qaida and Taliban fugitives and that his proposal to have U.S. operations cleared by Afghan authorities was all a misunderstanding. Others are unidentified.

"Yes, all this money was sent, but we never received it," said Shir, blaming Afghanistan's nonexistent banking system. "And we had no way of checking with donors because our telephones didn't work. Who knows who actually collected that money?"

Gritty Tijuana tries banning pot pipes to clean image

By The Associated Press

TIJUANA, Mexico — Sidewalk vendors and curio stalls in the border city of Tijuana will soon be prohibited from selling decorative pipes that can be used to consume drugs.

Inspectors will begin confiscating the pipes in August as part of a campaign by local officials to discourage drug use and improve the image of the sprawling city that borders San Diego, said Ricardo Gonzalez, who repre-

sents Tijuana's tourist district on the City Council.

The ceramic, glass or metal pipes, which can be used to smoke marijuana or other drugs, are sold along with Mexican blankets, pottery, and other souvenirs around Revolution Avenue, the city's main tourist thoroughfare. To enforce the ban, officials will rely on a little-used ordinance that prohibits the sale of items that contribute to "bad morals," Gonzalez said.

Members of an association of shopkeepers have

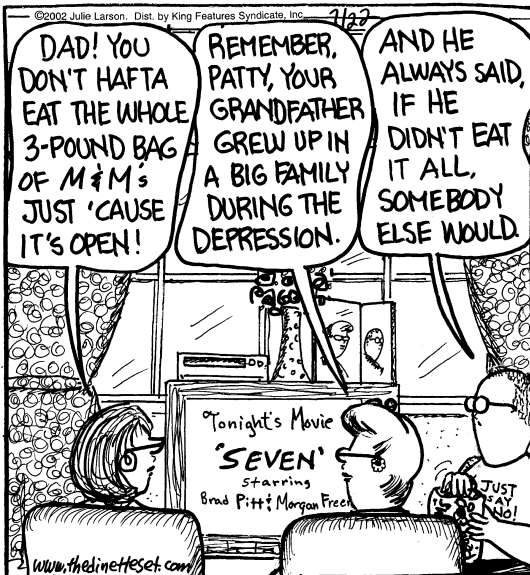
agreed not to fight the crackdown, but some grumble that it will do little more than hurt small businesses. "This isn't going to resolve the drug addiction problem," said Antonio Santillan, a member of the Association of Organized Businesses of Revolution Avenue. "They want to clean things up by going after the humble people, but they don't attack the real problem, such as closing the drug houses."

Gonzalez said they also plan a similar crackdown on the sale of pornography.

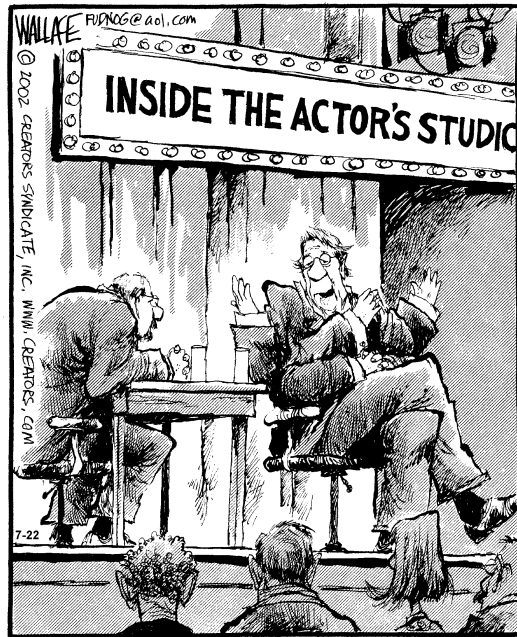
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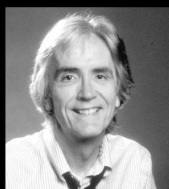
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Calendar

Monday, July 22, 2002

movies

Loews Broadway Cinema
1441 Third St. at Broadway
The Sum of all Fears (PG-13)
9:30. *The Bourne Identity* (PG-13) 10:45, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30. *Like Mike* (PG) 11:15, 1:45, 4:15, 6:45, 9:15. *Stuart Little 2* (PG) 11:00, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 3:30, 4:45, 5:45, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15.

Mann Criterion
1313 Third St.
Minority Report (PG-13) 11:40, 3:15, 7:10, 10:30. *K-11: My Big Fat Greek Wedding* (PG) 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50. *Men in Black II* (PG-13) 11:50, 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:40. *Halloween: Resurrection* 11:45, 2:15, 5:00. 7:40, 10:00. *K-11: The Widowmaker* (PG-13) 12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 7:00, 7:30, 10:15, 10:45.

AMC Theatre SM 7
1310 3rd Street
Lilo & Stich (PG) 12:10, 2:35, 4:40, 7:05. *Mr. Deeds* (PG-13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:40, 7:20, 10:10. *Insomnia* (R) 9:15. *Reign of Fire* 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 10:00. *The Crocodile Hunter* (PG) 12:20, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30. *Road to Perdition* 12:30, 1:30, 3:45, 4:45, 7:00, 7:35, 9:45, 10:20. *Eight Legged Freaks* (PG-13) 12:15, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30.

Landmark Nu-Wilshire
1314 Wilshire Blvd.
The Fast Runner: Atanarjuat (NR) 11:30 | 3:15 | 6:45. *Lovely and Amazing* (R) 12:15 | 2:30 | 4:45 | 7:15 | 9:45. *Notorious CHO* (R) 10:05.

Laemmle Monica
1332 2nd St.
Y Tu Mama Tambien (NR) 12:00 | 2:35 | 5:10 | 7:45 | 10:15. *Read My Lips* (NR) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45. *Me Without You* (NR) 1:00 | 3:15 | 5:30 | 7:50 | 10:10. *Tadpole* (PG-13) 1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:55.

Today

community

Santa Monica Strutters, a FREE program sponsored by UCLA Healthcare's 50-Plus Program! Walking programs for adults 50 or older looking for safe, low-impact exercise in a comfortable environment. The Santa Monica Strutters meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 8 a.m. To 10 a.m., at Santa Monica Place, Fourth St. and Broadway Ave. in Santa Monica.

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Music /

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Anastasia's Asylum, 1028 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica. Board games, cushiony sofas, a full veggie menu, juices, teas, and coffee that grows hair on your chest. No cover. (310)394-7113.

Rusty's Surf Ranch, 256 Santa Monica Pier. Walls and ceilings are lined with one of the area's largest collections of pre-1970's surfboards. Cover varies. Full bar. All ages. (310)393-7386.

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Open Discussion/ Political Debate. UnUrban Coffeehouse. 3301 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, (310)315-0056.

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Tuesday

community

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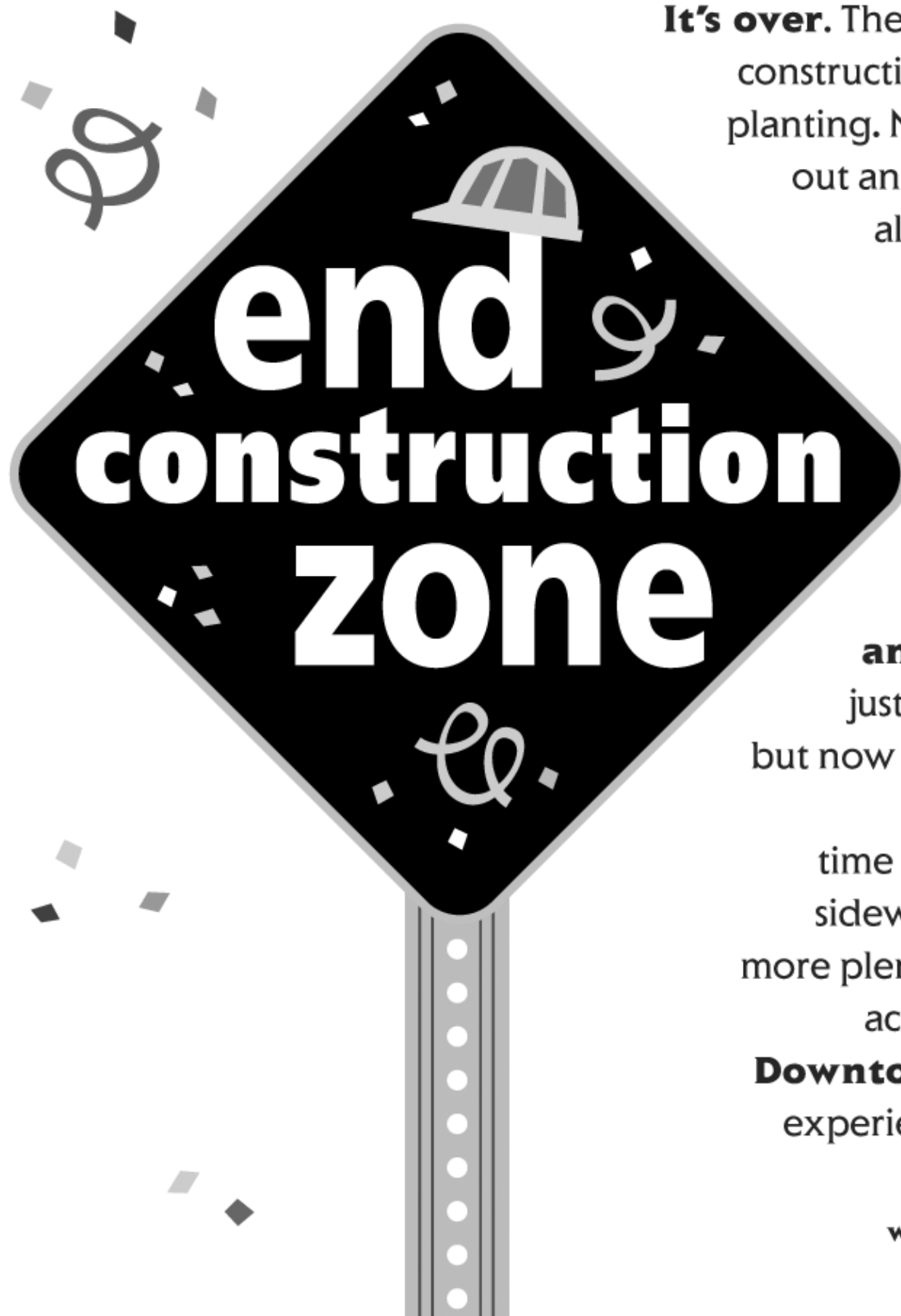
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